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Credit Republican U.S. Rep. Mark Kirk of Highland Park and Democratic state Rep. Elaine Nekritz of Northbrook for putting aside party labels in an effort to get something accomplished. Kirk and Nekritz are among the local elected officials who headed a news conference this week pushing for an expanded Buffalo Creek Forest Preserve, near Arlington Heights and Lake-Cook roads, in an effort to aid flood-control efforts on the Des Plaines River. Just as impressive is that the Lake County Forest Preserve District is willing to have its Buffalo Creek property be part of the solution for Cook County towns to the south.